United Nations treaties and principles on outer space: a commemorative edition

Addendum

The present addendum includes information made available to the secretariat as at 1 February 2000, thereby updating the information contained in *United Nations Treaties and Principles on Outer Space: a Commemorative Edition* (A/AC.105/722).

III. Status of international agreements relating to activities in outer space

United Nations treaties

1. **1967 OST** - **Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies** (Outer Space Treaty)

Adoption by the General Assembly:	19 December 1966 (resolution 2222 (XXI))
Opened for signature:	27 January 1967 in London, Moscow and Washington, D.C.
Entry into force:	10 October 1967
Depositaries:	Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

(*Sources*: 18 UST[1] 2410; TIAS[2] 6347; 610 UNTS[3] 205)

2. **1968 ARRA** - **Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space** (Rescue Agreement)

Adoption by the General Assembly:	19 December 1967 (resolution 2345 (XXII))
Opened for signature:	22 April 1968 in London, Moscow and Washington, D.C.
Entry into force:	3 December 1968
Depositaries:	Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

(*Sources*: 19 UST 7570; TIAS 6599; 672 UNTS 119)

3. **1972 LIAB** - **Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects** (Liability Convention)

Adoption by the General Assembly:	29 November 1971 (resolution 2777 (XXVI))
Opened for signature:	29 March 1972 in London, Moscow and Washington, D.C.
Entry into force:	1 September 1972
Depositaries:	Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

(*Sources*: 24 UST 2389; TIAS 7762; 961 UNTS 187)

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[1] *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements.*
[2] *Treaties and Other International Acts Series.*
[3] *United Nations Treaty Series.*

4. **1975 REG - Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space** (Registration Convention)

Adoption by the General Assembly:	12 November 1974 (resolution 3235 (XXIX))
Opened for signature:	14 January 1975 in New York
Entry into force:	15 September 1976
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the United Nations

(*Sources*: 28 UST 695; TIAS 8480; 1023 UNTS 15)

5. **1979 MOON - Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies** (Moon Agreement)

Adoption by the General Assembly:	5 December 1979 (resolution 34/68))
Opened for signature:	18 December 1979 in New York
Entry into force:	11 July 1984
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the United Nations

(*Sources*: 18 ILM[4] 1434; 1363 UNTS 3)

Other agreements

General

6. **1963 NTB - Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water**

Opened for signature:	5 August 1963 in Moscow
Entry into force:	10 October 1963
Depositaries:	Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

(*Sources*: 14 UST 1313; TIAS 5433; 480 UNTS 43)

7. **1974 BRS - Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite** (Brussels Convention)

Opened for signature:	21 May 1974 in Brussels
Entry into force:	25 August 1979
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the United Nations

(*Source*: 1144 UNTS 3)

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[4] *International Legal Materials*.

Institutions

8. **1971 INTL** - **Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT)**, with annexes, **and Operating Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization**, with annex

Opened for signature:	20 August 1971 in Washington, D.C.
Entry into force:	12 February 1973
Depositary:	United States of America

(*Sources*: 23 UST 3813 and 4091; TIAS 7532)

9. **1971 INTR** - **Agreement on the Establishment of the INTERSPUTNIK International System and Organization of Space Communications**

Opened for signature:	15 November 1971 in Moscow
Entry into force:	12 July 1972
Depositary:	Russian Federation

(*Source*: 862 UNTS 3)

10. **1975 ESA** - **Convention for the Establishment of a European Space Agency (ESA)**, with annexes

Opened for signature:	30 May 1975 in Paris
Entry into force:	30 October 1980
Depositary:	France

(*Source*: 14 ILM 864)

11. **1976 ARB** - **Agreement of the Arab Corporation for Space Communications (ARABSAT)** (Amended May 1990)

Opened for signature:	14 April 1976 (14 Rabi' II 1396 H) in Cairo
Entry into force:	16 July 1976
Depositary:	League of Arab States

(*Source*: *Space Law and Related Documents*, U.S. Senate, 101st Congress, 2nd Session, 395 (1990))

12. **1976 INTC** - **Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes (INTERCOSMOS)**

Opened for signature:	13 July 1976 in Moscow
Entry into force:	25 March 1977
Depositary:	Russian Federation

(*Source*: 16 ILM 1)

13. **1976 IMSO - Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization, with annex, amended in April 1998 to provide for the restructuring of Inmarsat, such amendments in force provisionally pending formal entry into force**

Opened for signature:	3 September 1976 in London
Entry into force:	16 July 1979
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization

(*Sources*: 31 UST 1, TIAS 9605)

14. **1982 EUTL - Convention Establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (EUTELSAT)**

Opened for signature:	15 July 1982 in Paris
Entry into force:	1 September 1985
Depositary:	France

(*Source*: UK Misc. No. 4, Cmnd. 9154 (1984))

15. **1983 EUM - Convention for the Establishment of a European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)**

Opened for signature:	24 May 1983 in Geneva
Entry into force:	19 June 1986
Depositary:	Switzerland

(*Sources*: Germany, *Bundesgesetzblatt*, Jahrgang 1987, Teil 11 (1987), p. 256. This Convention has been published in the national bulletins of the ratifying States.)

16. **1992 ITU - International Telecommunication Constitution and Convention**

Opened for signature:	22 December 1992 in Geneva
Date of entry into force:	1 July 1994
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union and Convention

(*Source*: ITU Secretariat, Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland)

Status of international agreements relating to activities in outer space
(as at 1 February 2000)

(R = ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession; S = signature only; D =declaration of acceptance of rights and obligations)

Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Afghanistan	R				
Albania					
Algeria	R		S		
Andorra					
Angola					
Antigua and Barbuda	R	R	R	R	
Argentina	R	R	R	R	
Armenia					
Australia	R	R	R	R	R
Austria	R	R	R	R	R
Azerbaijan					
Bahamas	R	R			
Bahrain					
Bangladesh	R				
Barbados	R	R	R		
Belarus	R	R	R	R	
Belgium	R	R	R	R	
Belize					
Benin	R		R		
Bhutan					
Bolivia	S	S			
Bosnia and Herzegovina		R	R		
Botswana	S	R	R		
Brazil	R	R	R		

Other agreements										
(6) 1963 NTB	(7) 1974 BRS	(8) 1971 INTL	(9) 1971 INTR	(10) 1975 ESA	(11) 1976 ARB	(12) 1976 INTC	(13) 1976 IMSO	(14) 1982 EUTL	(15) 1983 EUM	(16) 1994 ITU
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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Brunei Darussalam					
Bulgaria	R	R	R	R	
Burkina Faso	R				
Burundi	S		S	S	
Cambodia			S		
Cameroon	S	R			
Canada	R	R	R	R	
Cape Verde					
Central African Republic	S		S		
Chad					
Chile	R	R	R	R	R
China	R	R	R	R	
Colombia	S	S	S		
Comoros					
Congo		S			
Costa Rica		S	S		
Côte d'Ivoire					
Croatia					
Cuba	R	R	R	R	
Cyprus	R	R	R	R	
Czech Republic	R	R	R	R	
Democratic People's Republic of					
Democratic Republic of the Congo	S	S	S		
Denmark	R	R	R	R	
Djibouti					
Dominica					
Dominican Republic	R	S	R		
Ecuador	R	R	R		
Egypt	R	R	S		

Other agreements										
(6) 1963 NTB	(7) 1974 BRS	(8) 1971 INTL	(9) 1971 INTR	(10) 1975 ESA	(11) 1976 ARB	(12) 1976 INTC	(13) 1976 IMSO	(14) 1982 EUTL	(15) 1983 EUM	(16) 1994 ITU
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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
El Salvador	R	R	S		
Equatorial Guinea	R				
Eritrea					
Estonia					
Ethiopia	S				
Fiji	R	R	R		
Finland	R	R	R		
France	R	R	R	R	S
Gabon		R	R		
Gambia	S	R	S		
Georgia		R			
Germany	R	R	R	R	
Ghana	S	S	S		
Greece	R	R	R		
Grenada					
Guatemala			S		S
Guinea					
Guinea-Bissau	R	R			
Guyana	S	R			
Haiti	S	S	S		
Holy See	S				
Honduras	S		S		
Hungary	R	R	R	R	
Iceland	R	R	S		
India	R	R	R	R	S
Indonesia	S	R	R	R	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	S	R	R	S	
Iraq	R	R	R		
Ireland	R	R	R		

Other agreements										
(6) 1963 NTB	(7) 1974 BRS	(8) 1971 INTL	(9) 1971 INTR	(10) 1975 ESA	(11) 1976 ARB	(12) 1976 INTC	(13) 1976 IMSO	(14) 1982 EUTL	(15) 1983 EUM	(16) 1994 ITU
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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Israel	R	R	R		
Italy	R	R	R		
Jamaica	R	S			
Japan	R	R	R	R	
Jordan	S	S	S		
Kazakhstan	R	R	R		
Kenya	R		R		
Kiribati					
Kuwait	R	R	R		
Kyrgyzstan					
Lao People's Democratic Republic	R	R	R		
Latvia					
Lebanon	R	R	S		
Lesotho	S	S			
Liberia					
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	R				
Liechtenstein			R	R	
Lithuania					
Luxembourg	S	S	R		
Madagascar	R	R			
Malawi					
Malaysia	S	S			
Maldives		R			
Mali	R		R		
Malta		S	R		
Marshall Islands					
Mauritania					
Mauritius	R	R			
Mexico	R	R	R	R	R

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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Micronesia (Federated States of)					
Monaco		S			
Mongolia	R	R	R	R	
Morocco	R	R	R		R
Mozambique					
Myanmar	R	S			
Namibia					
Nauru					
Nepal	R	R	S		
Netherlands	R	R	R	R	R
New Zealand	R	R	R		
Nicaragua	S	S	S	S	
Niger	R	R	R	R	
Nigeria	R	R			
Norway	R	R	R	R	
Oman			S		
Pakistan	R	R	R	R	R
Panama	S		R		
Papua New Guinea	R	R	R		
Paraguay					
Peru	R	R	S	R	S
Philippines	S	S	S		R
Poland	R	R	R	R	
Portugal	R	R			
Qatar			R		
Republic of Korea	R	R	R	R	
Republic of Moldova					
Romania	R	R	R		S
Russian Federation	R	R	R	R	

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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Rwanda	S	S	S		
Saint Lucia					
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	R	R	R	R	
Samoa					
San Marino	R	R			
Sao Tome and Principe					
Saudi Arabia	R		R		
Senegal		S	R		
Seychelles	R	R	R	R	
Sierra Leone	R	S	S		
Singapore	R	R	R	S	
Slovakia	R	R	R	R	
Slovenia		R	R		
Solomon Islands					
Somalia	S	S			
South Africa	R	R	S		
Spain	R		R	R	
Sri Lanka	R		R		
Sudan					
Suriname					
Swaziland		R			
Sweden	R	R	R	R	
Switzerland	R	R	R	R	
Syrian Arab Republic	R	R	R		
Tajikistan					
Thailand	R	R			
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia					
Togo	R		R		
Tonga	R	R			

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Country, area or organization	United Nations treaties				
	(1) 1967 OST	(2) 1968 ARRA	(3) 1972 LIAB	(4) 1975 REG	(5) 1979 MOON
Trinidad and Tobago	S		R		
Tunisia	R	R	R		
Turkey	R	S			
Turkmenistan					
Tuvalu					
Uganda	R				
Ukraine	R	R	R	R	
United Arab Emirates					
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	R	R	R	R	
United Republic of Tanzania			S		
United States of America	R	R	R	R	
Uruguay	R	R	R	R	R
Uzbekistan					
Vanuatu					
Venezuela	R	S	R		
Viet Nam	R	S			
Yemen	R	S			
Yugoslavia	S	R	R	R	
Zambia	R	R	R		
Zimbabwe					
Palestine					
European Space Agency		D	D	D	
European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites				D	
European Telecommunications Satellite Organization			D		

Note: When there is no entry in a row in which a State's name appears, that State has not signed the agreement referred to in that column heading, or is not a party to it or has withdrawn from it.

[a] Burundi has not yet filed an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with its declaration under article XIX and has not yet signed the operating agreement.

[b] Canada has a cooperation agreement with the European Space Agency (ESA) but is not a member of ESA.

[c] The accession procedures for Estonia are ongoing.

Other agreements										
(6) 1963 NTB	(7) 1974 BRS	(8) 1971 INTL	(9) 1971 INTR	(10) 1975 ESA	(11) 1976 ARB	(12) 1976 INTC	(13) 1976 IMSO	(14) 1982 EUTL	(15) 1983 EUM	(16) 1994 ITU
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